

SOCIAL STUDIES CRITERIA FOR AHD REVIEW

The guidelines for social studies courses counting toward the Academic Honors Diploma (AHD) should include the following:

- ❖ All social studies courses with approved titles count toward the AHD.
- ❖ All courses counting for AHD credit should adhere to the approved course descriptions and *Academic Standards for the Social Studies* where applicable.
- ❖ All social studies courses descriptions should accurately reflect what is occurring in the classroom.
- ❖ All social studies course descriptions should reflect expected student outcomes.
- ❖ When an “H” or “honors” course is offered, it is required that the course description reflect the ‘honors’ nature of the course with language that explicitly addresses the expected student outcomes, significantly above and beyond those in (regular) AHD courses. All AHD courses are to include academically rigorous and challenging content and performance, and there are few instances where it is appropriate to offer an additional, even more rigorous, course. “H” courses are not to be used to separate and track students.

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